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**Expandable Stent** 

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## PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.313

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to withdraw U.S. Patent Application No. 09/197,278 from issuance so that additional references may be considered.

The Petition is accompanied by:

- i) Information Disclosure Statement
- ii) Fee under §1.17H; and
- iii) Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal
- iv) Request for Correction of Filing Receipt

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